## Indiana Legislature.

SESSION 1849-50. SENATE.

SATURDAY, Dec. 8. The Senate met. The President laid before the Senate the annual report of the Trustees of the Blind Asylum: laid on the table, and 1,000 copies ordered to be printed, 500 for the use of the Senators, and 500 for the use of the Institution. On motion of Mr Montgomery, it was ordered that 500 additional copies of the report of the Trustees of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum be printed for the use of the Institution.

Petitions, &c. Presented. By Mr McCarty, a perition of the Bellefontaine Railroa Company, asking for an amendment of their charter; referred to a select committee. By Mr McCarry, the petition of Samuel Henderson, relative to the title of certain lands; referred to the commit-

tee on the Judiciary. Reports from Select Committees. By Mr Reid of U., a bill to incorporate the Old School Presbyterian Church of Dunlopsville; ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on Monday.

By Mr Hendricks, a bill declaring the meaning of a cer-

tain act therein named; ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on Monday. By Mr Martin, a bill for the relief of George Lattro, o Lagrange county; sead first time.

Resolutions of the Senate. By Mr Reid of U., a resolution instructing the Judiciary committee to inquire into the expediency of changing the law relative to the sale of personal property on execution

Bills, &c. Introduced. By Mr Dawson, a joint resolution on the subject of slavery ; read first time. By Mr Holloway, a joint resolution on the subject of the By Mr Read of C., a joint resolution relative to the election of United States Senators; read firet time. By Mr Sleeth, a bill to consolidate tailroad companies;

By Mr Holloway, a bill to authorize the Governor, Auditor, and Treasurer of State, to borrow from the branches of the State Bank of Indiana, one hundred thou-and dollars, to pay the interest on the State debt; read twice and referred to the committee on Finance.

By Mr Winstandley, a bill to amend section 82, chapter 6, of the Revised Statutes of 1843 ; read first time. By Mr Lyon, a bill to extend the time of holding the sersions of the board of county commissioners of Fountain county; read first time.

The hour of 10 o'clock having arrived, the Senate pro-ceeded to the election of Bank Director, with closed doors. The following is the result of the first ballot for Director of the State Bank-whole number of votes 48, of which Parmenter M. Parks received - -James Sweetser Scattering, -Parmenter M. Parks having received a majority of all the

votes, was declared duty elected Bank Director on the part A sealed message was received from the House, annou cing that Parmenter M. Parks had been elected Bank Director on the part of the House, on the first ballot.

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. SATURDAY, Dec. 8, 1849.

Mr. Robson, on leave, introduced a joint resolution, in relation to the time of making report by President of the State Bank. Mr. Menaugh corrected the Journals, by changing his

name from negative to affirmative, on the motion to lay the resolution on the table, on the subject of slavery.

Petitions &c., were presented by Messrs. Mennugh, (2 petitions.) Gessie, Edwards, Robson, (to vacate alleys in Cumberland,) Carnahan of F., (for the establishment of an orphan asylum,) Dodd, Chandler, Miller, (2 petitions,) Butler, (temperance memorial for making the retailing of liquor a penal offence, the same as larceny, or for the passage of the Wisconsin law, which makes retailers responsible for all crime or poverty growing out of the traffic,) Thomas, (on same subject;) which were referred to committees—the temperance memorial being referred to a committee of one from each Judicial Circuit.

The House now, with closed doors, proceeded to the election of a Bank Director, which resulted in the election of Parmenter M. Parks of Morgan county on the P. M. Parks, received - -

The Senate also having decided in favor of P. M. Parks, he is consequently elected State Director for four years, from and after the expiration of the term of service of the present incumbent. The Senate, now, on invitation, came into the Hall, and both Houses, in joint convention, proceeded to the election of Superintendent of the New Albany and Vin-

Joel Vandeveer, received - -Michael Riley, - -Joel Vandeveer elected for two years.

The Speaker laid before the House the 3d annual report of the Trustees for the Institute for the Blind; or-

dered to be printed. The order of business was suspended, and the joint resolution on the subject of the National Monument at Washington was read the 3d time and passed.

Mr. Leviston, from the committee on corporations re ported back the bill incorporating a company for draining Peru prairie, with an amendment, making members of company individually liable for amount of estimate of work; which was concurred in, and the bill ordered to

Mr. May reported back the resolution reducing postage on all letters to 3 cents when paid in advance and five cents when not so paid-the original resolution providing for a uniform rate of 5 cents.

Mr. May favored the amendment and urged that post-

Mr. May lavored the amendment and orged that postage must be reduced so as to encourage correspondence—
that letters that are pre-paid, or paid in advance should
be less than those that are not, as tending to lessen the
duties of the post-office department. He urged, as a
general principle, that all matter passing through the
post-office should pay something. The mails are not encumbered with the letters of members of Congress; but
with public documents. He would make one exception in favor of newspaper exchanges, and moved to back to the committee with instructions to insert a clause of that kind. The report of the committee was with drawn, on the account of informality.

Mr. Murray introduced a resolution, that the use of the Hall be granted to the Higgins family, for two evenings provided one evening's proceeds be devoted to the Good Intent Fire Engine Company of the Western Liberties of Indianapolis: adopted. By Mr. Spencer, that committee on education be re-

quested to enquire into the expediency of amending school law, in relation to time of making reports of school

On motion of Mr. Wilson, Mr. Murray was added to the committee on the joint resolution on the subject of the slave trade in the District of Columbia.

On motion of Mr. Campbell, a resolution was adopted instructing the Superintendent of the Northern Division of the Central Canal to make a report of the amount of water rents due the State and from whom due ; adopted By Mr. Orr, that the committee on roads enquire into the propriety of electing supervisors in the respective road districts; adopted. By Mr. Graves, that the committee on education en

quire, if any, what legislation is necessary in regard to school districts divided by county lines, where one county voted for, and the other against the school law

Bills. Joint Resolutions, &c. Introduced. Mr. Humphreys introduced the following joint resolu

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State Indiana, That our Senators in Congress are hereby in-structed and our Representatives requested to use their influence to procure the passage of a law, extending to soldiers of the late war with Great Britain, and also the soldiers who were engaged in the wars with the Indians, under Hamer, St. Clair, Wayne, Harrison, Jackson and others, the donation of bounty land and extra pay as have been made to soldiers engaged with Mexico. By Mr. Murray, a joint resolution for the reduction o price of public lands in Miami Reserve;

By Mr. Edwards, to authorize the Governor, Auditor and Treasurer of State to borrow money from the State Bank, to pay interest on funded debt, in anticipation of

By Mr. Brown of R., to extend the time of paying taxes in Randolph county. By Mr. Murray, a bill to repeal a proviso to road law, exempting Cass county from provisions of act;
By Mr. Spencer, a bill prohibiting the stretching of

seins across Laughery creek; By Mr. Shelby, to amend the act incorporating Lafayette Insurance company; By Mr. Butler to repeal the act of 1831 concerning no

By Mr. Spencer, to amend the act authorizing Sup visors to work a certain road in Ohio county;
By Mr. Robinson, to amend the set in relation to com-

mon schools, so as to legalize the vote of Decatur county which were severally read and passed to a second read

The resolution from the Senate, providing for going into to the election of Circuit Judge of 5th Circuit on Monday next, was reciprocated.

On motion of Mr. Holcomb, a resolution was adopted

as to the necessity of legislating for those counties the

By Mr. Warriner, that Auditor of State make a report in relation to funded debt; adopted.

By Mr. Shepard, that the Judiciary committee enquire into the expediency of limiting the time for commencing suits on official benda; adopted.

On motion, the House adjourned until Monday.

SENATE. MONDAY, December 10.

Petitions, &c. Presented. By Mr Morrison, petition of Nathaniel Stevens and others for a State road from Mt. Carmel, in Washington county, to

Fredericksburgh; read and referred to committee on Roads. By Mr Read of G., petition of Sylvester P Morgan and Benjamin Fuller for relief; referred to the committee on Finance.

By Mr Cornett, petition of Elijah Starke relative to the collection of the revenue; read and referred to committee on Finance. By Mr Woods, petition of S. R. Liekman for divorce; read and referred to a select committee. By Mr Hanna, petition of J. Lansing and others asking for an act of incorporation; read and referred to committee

on Corporations. Reports of Select Committees. By Mr James, a bill to increase the pay of the probate judge of Posey county; report concurred in, and bill passed to a third reading. Resolutions of the Senate.

By Mr Millikin, instructing committee on Finance to re-port a bill for the repeal of section 5, chapter 12, of the Re-vised Statotes of 1843; adopted. By Mr Reid of U., instructing Judiciary committee to examine certain acts of incorporation, and report a bill for the government of the same; adopted.

By Mr Cornett, instructing the Judiciary committee to assees of water power on the northern division of the Central canal; adopted. By Mr Dole, instructing Judiciary committee to inquire into the expediency of the passage of a bill exempting a

homestead from sale on execution; adopted.

By M: Dole, instructing Judiciary committee to report a bill to repeal or modify the appraisement laws; adopted.
On motion of Mr Graham, it was ordered that 1,000 copies of Governor Wright's message be printed in the English 500 in the German, and 500 in the French language, provides

the German and French can be printed before the adjournment of the Legislature; adopted—ayes 31, noes 13.

By Mr Hanna, instructing Judiciary committee to inquire into the expediency of electing prosecuting attorneys by circuits; adopted By Mr Garver, instructing Judiciary committee to inquire

into the expeciency of changing the law relative to the juti-diction of Justices of the peace in certain cases; ado ed. By Mr Reid of U., instructing Judiciary committee to inquire into the expediency of changing the law relative to the sale of real estate subject to dower; adopted. Joint Resolutions Introduced.

By Mr Hanna, a joint resolution on the subject of bounty ands to the soldiers of the war of 1812; read first time. By Mr Montgomery, a joint resolution on the subject postage; read first time. Bills Introduced and passed to a Second Reading.

By Mr Randall, a bill to exempt property to the amount 00 dollars from forced sale on execution. By Mr Garver, a bill to exempt a homestead from forced By Mr Odell, a bill for the relief of the beirs of William

Schults, deceased. By Mr Brugh, a bill to amend the common school law. By Mr Miller, a bill to more effectually protect the rights By Mr Allen, a bill to extend the term of the board

county commissioners of Montgomery county.

By Mr Reid of U., a bill for the relief of the colored pop-By Mr Berry, a bill to extend the time of the probate court of Franklin county. By Mr Berry, a bill to amend the charter of the Bloom

ing Grove turnpike company.

By Mr Huffstetter, a bill to change the mode of electing grand jurous in the county of Orange.

By Mr Porter, a bill to authorize the trustees of the Harrison county seminary to convey certain lands.

By Mr. Reid of U, a bill to amend the charter of the

White Water Valley canal company.

By Mr Steeth, a bill to amend the charter of the Knights. town and Shelbyville railroad company.

A message was received from the House requesting the presence of the Senate, instanter, to elect a President Judge

of the fifth judicial circuit; accepted. The President laid before the Sepate the annual report of the Warden of the State Prison; laid on the table, and 500 The President laid before the Senate the annual report o the State Bank of Indiana and Branches; referred to com-mittee on State Bank, and 500 copies ordered to be printed.

On moti a, the Senate adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION. Bills on their Third Reading. A bill defining the duties of auditor and treasurer of the county of Delawaie; passed.

A bill to amend the chaiter of the Lake Michigan, Logan-port and Onto River railroad company ; passed. An act to amend an act entitled " An act to authorize : company to construct a turnpike road from the point where the present State road leading from Oxford to Connersville crosses the State line of Ohio and Indiana, to Connersville;

A 1 ill defining the duties of treasurer, auditor, and supervisors of highways in the county of Dearborn; passed. A bill to extend the time of holding the circuit court in and for the county of Henry; passed.

A bill to regulate the mode of selecting petit juries in

Laporte county ; passed. 'A bill to extend the time of holding commissioner's court of Marion county; passed. A bill declaring the meaning of a certain law therein

to incorporate the Old School Presbyterian church of Duplopsville, in the county of Union and State of Indiana; passed.

A bill to divorce Jeremish T. Disper from Martha, his wife; passed-ayes 28, noes 15. A number of bills were read a second time, and ordered to be engrossed and read a third time on to-morrow, or referred to the appropriate committees. House Bills taken up.

An act to define the jurisdiction of Justices of the peace in the county of Vermillion; read first time. An act to repeal an act therein named; rend first time. A joint resolution on the subject of the national monu ment at Washington; read first time.

An act to authorise the county commissioners of Clark county to establish an additional place of holding elections in Wood township, of said county; read first time. Mr Ellis made a report from the committee on Finance, to whom was referred a bill to authorize the Governor, Auditor, and Treasurer of State to borrow 200,000 dollars from the branches of the State Bank of Indiana, to pay the interest due on the funded debt of the State, wi'h one amendment, upon the adoption of which they recommend its paysage; the report was concurred in, and the amendment

Mr Cassatt moved to amend the bill by inserting that they be authorized to borrow an additional 25,000 dollars to redeem the white dog canal scrip which the trustees of the bondholders refuse to redeem, according to the provisions of the bill for the arrangement of the State debt. On motion, the amendment was laid on the table, the rules suspended, and the bill read a third time and bassed.

On motion, the Senate adjourned. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. MONDAY MORNING Dec. 10, 1849.

The Speaker laid before the House the annual report of the President of the State Bank; laid on the table and ordered to be printed; also Report of Commissioners of Sinking Fund; ordered to be printed; also

Reports from the Branches at Lawrenceburgh, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, Richmoud, &c.; laid on the table. Also, report from Anditor and Treasurer of unsold lots at Indianapolis; on motion of Mr Prather, referred to a select committee, to report a hill authorizing certain of said lots to be sold, and proceeds applied to common schools in the different counties; and Messrs. Prather, Robson, and Wilson, appointed the committee.

Petitions Presented.

Petitions were presented by Messrs. Niblack, Barker, Brown of R., Bird, Murray, Mickle, Ellis, Beard, Athon, Prather, Orr. Ross, O'Haver and Lank : referred to committees, except a divorce petition, which was laid on the

Mr. Bird, on leave, introduced a resolution providing for going into the election of Superintendent on Northern Division of the Central Canal. Mr. Prather said, that it appeared from the Auditor's

report, that this canal was an expense to the State; that its proceeds did not keep it in repair, and he, for one, was in favor of getting rid of it. He wished to see the subject referred to an appropriate committee, to investi-gate the matter, before the election of Superintendent. He therefore moved to lay the resolution upon the table; which motion presailed, and the resolution was laid upo

Mr. Murray, on leave, introduced a resolution, that the select committee on abolishing the office of State Agent have leave to send for persons and papers; adopted.

The Senate now came into the Hall of the House, and proceeded to the election of President Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit. On counting the first ballot it appeared

William W. Wick, received Finch, - -Scattering, William W. Wick elected for seven years.

Mr. Wilson offered a preamble and resolution that the Governor's messages be printed in the French language.
Mr. Edwards supported the resolution.
Mr. Wilson called for the ayes and noes stating that his speech was embodied in the preamble to the resolution; which complains of an invidious distinction in favor of the German population, by printing the messages in that language; that of all nations on the face of the globe we owe the greatest debt of gratitude to the French,

and consequently should favor the emigrants from that nation by publishing documents in that language.

The resolution was not adopted, ayes 25, noes 69.

Mr. Edwards offered a resolution, that the message of the Governor and inaugural address be published only in

the English language.

Mr. Edwards supported the resolution, because invidious distinctions should not be made, as the late vote had He thought people coming here should learn our

The Speaker declared the resolution out of order, indienting that the only method of reaching the subject, was to reconsider the vote on printing.

Mr. Edwards made that motion.

Mr. Mickle said, the messages were already in the

hands of the printer and the expense could not be Mr. Cravens said, that if an indidious distinction were

made, it was not the first time, as the proceedings of amongst us already, without holding out inducements for the last and other sessions would show. The gentle-man's course at the last, as well this session, will show, The bill was indefinitely postponed by a vote of syes 65, withhold the messages from others. He did know, that there were thousands of our population who could read no other than the German language. The French popunot so much friendship for the French, as a desire to lation were comparatively few in number, and most of them could read our language. He would be glad that the messages could be printed in every language; but did not believe circumstances demanded it. He had no invidious distinctions to make in favor of the emigrants of any nation, and would accommodate any of

where their numbers would justify it. Mr. Wilson urged the gentleman from Vigo to with-draw his motion, as the expense of printing in German had already been incurred, and he did not wish to endeavor to vitiate any contract. He was opposed to printing documents in any other language than the English.

Mr. Edwards withdrew the resolution to reconsider.

The Speaker laid before the House the report of the

The report of the Auditor of State in relation to the mittee. re-appraisement of lands east of Tippecanoe, stating that no appraisement of said lands had been made, within his knowledge—that the enquiry would more properly have been made to the Board of Trustees of the Wabash and Erie Canal; referred to the committee ou canals. &c. Bills Reported.

Mr. Mickle reported a bill, to amend the act establishing a free turnpike road in Adams county.

By Mr. Graves, a bill to legalize the settlement of Auditor and Treasurer of Kosciusko county; read and passed to a 2d reading.

cent on all papers and pumphlets.

Mr. Russell opposed the amendments. He was in favor of cheap postage, but thought five cents as low as letters could be charged, without embarrassing the department. He also thought no distinction should be made in favor of letters that we re-paid. He opposed a uniform postage on pa-

cal public ions. He moved to lay the amendments on the table; which motion prevailed. He then moved to recommit with instructions to amend, so that postage should not be charged on pamphlets and newspapers at offices within 30 miles of place of publication; which motion prevailed, and the joi i resolution re-committed. Resolutions.

By ...Ir. Prather, as to the expediency of disposing of Central canal, at and near Indianapolis; adopted.

By Mr. Dougherty of Elkhart, as to the expediency of repealing all laws requiring property levied on by execution to be appraised; adopted.

By Mr. Brown of B. that the policy of granting divorces

should not be tolerated or encouraged by this House, at the present session. Mr. Wilson moved to lay the resolution on which motion did not prevail, ayes 19, noes 75. Mr Wilson moved to refer to judiciary committee; which did not prevail.

The resolution was then adopted.

Bills and Joint Resolutions Introduced. By Mr. Salter, a joint resolution against whipping in United States navy;
By Mr. Cravens, in relation to the bounty laws of deceas-

By Mr. O'Neal, a joint resolution in favor engrafting in a law for new territories the prohibition of slavery, except for

By Mr. Delevan, a joint resolution for a mail route from By Mr. Butler, a joint resolution in relation to slavery in right then and now claimed by the people of the slavehold-Stilesville to Gosport, semi-weekly; By Mr Carnalan, of Posey, a joint resolution in relation to providing bounty lands and pensions for the soldiers of the right to the exclusive management and control of the same:

bers of Congress; By Mr. Prather, on the subject of a Railroad from the At-lantic to the Pacific ocean; in favor of Incorporating a com-

pany to construct said road-granting lands ten miles wide, and making San Francisco a point;
Which were severally read and passed to a second reading. On motion the House adjourned.

ville plank road company;
By Mr. Whinery, for the relief of borrowers of public funds from county officers;
By Mr. Withers, allowing women holding property before marriage to continue the same in their own right in

after marriage, &c., also allowing them to dispose Treasurer of Steuben county; By Mr. Goodwin, to repeal the ten per cent due lelinquent tax-payers;
By Mr. Murray, in relation to Rochester Railroad

By Mr. Harvey, in relation to taxing lnads purchased By Mr. Watkins, to enable owners of mill property, botter to protect the same; By Mr. Bird, fixing the salaries of Auditor and Treas-

urer of Allen county;
By Mr. Robinson of Laporte, in relation to interest, sectional excitement which now, in violation of the farewell

of Mr. Elder, referred to a select committee of Messrs, citizens of such territories when they shall be authorized to Eldor, Beard and Wilson. Bills Passed.

To compel speculators to pay a road tax in Randolph To extend the time of holding Probate Court in Hen Repealing act in relation to jurisdiction of justices he peace, in Montgomery county; To authorize the draining of Peru prairie in Mismi

For the relief of James O. and Reuben M. Tyler; To repeal all laws authorizing counties to subscribe r corporation stock, so far as relates to Morgan county; To change the time of holding October term of Probate Court of Martin county; and Bill of the Senate for the relief of certain turnpike

Bills on Second Reading. Several bills of the Senate and House were read a seppropriate committees.

The joint resolution, in relation to the right of way, Illinois, for a Great Western Railroad was read a 2d time : when Mr. Caldwell moved to indefinitely postpone the reso-

Mr, Edwards hoped the gentleman would not insist on his motion. Illinois, through a mistaken policy, had re-fused the right of way for a Railroad, unless it should terminate at some little town in that State. She had last year, and previous thereto, asked for grants of land. He was in favor of withholding these grants, and the joint counties of Martin. Orange and Crawford; read first time.

By Mr Hufistetter, a bill to locate a State road in the counties of Martin. Orange and Crawford; read first time.

By Mr Dawson, a bill to compel speculators to pay a road gress of a great National work, by granting the right of way through that State. He defended the State of Indiana from the charge of withholding her assent to the right of way for public works, unless we could fix the point of postponing the bill to repeal section 251, chapter 40, article

Mr. Chandler hoped the resolution would be postponed.

He was opposed to medding with the internal concerns of a sister State. Illinois, like Indiana embarked in a system of internal improvement, and was equally unfortunate. of internal improvement, and was equally unfortunate. In that system she has a Railroad partly constructed, from Danville, via Springfield to Alton, on which more than half a million of dollars was expended. The right of way can be obtained, if the company will adopt this route. He was opposed to interfering with the internal affairs

of our sister States. The question was taken on an indefinite postponement and decided in the affirmative, ayes 62, noes 32; So the oint resolution was indefinitely postponed. The bill to change the names of Mary Jane and Marga-

ret Ann Manna was read a 3d time and passed; also The bill to omend the act to regulate the mode of doing ounty business in Putnam county; also, The bill repealing an act therein named Pike county; also,

The joint resolution for reducing price of Mismi lands; The bill to repeal the proviso to road law, exempting Cass county from its provisions; also, The bill to amend the act authorising s work a certain road in Ohio county,

The bill to repeal the act of 1831 concerning free ne-

roes, mulattoes, servants and slaves was read a second e-being the law to compel negroes to give bond and Mr Niblack moved to indefinitely postpone the bill. Mr Butier opposed the motion, stating that he believed the law of 183i was not put in force, and consequently it was unnecessary to have it longer on our statute book.

Tuesday, December 11.

Petitions, &c. Presented.

By Mr Reid of U., petition of Walter Edgeston and oth

them eis on the subjet of the black laws, slavery, &c.; read and referred to a select committee By Mr Evans, petition of civizens of Henry county on the

subject of the black laws, slavery, &c. ; read and referred to a select committee. The Speaker laid before the House the report of the Warden of the State Prison; ordered to be printed; also The report of the Auditor of State in relation to the

Reports of Committees. By Mr Holloway, from the committee on elections, a bil to amend the 18th section, article 3, chapter 5, of the Revised Statutes of 1843; ordered to be engrossed.

By Mr Buckles, from the committee on the Judicinty, a bill for the relief of Betsy Ann Simpson; ordered to be engrossed and read a third time. By Mr Harvey, from the committee on the Judiciary, bill in relation to the making of inventories by executor

and administrators; report concurred in, and bill ordered to be engrossed and read a third time. Mr. May reported back the resolutions for the reduc-tion of postage—reducing to 3 cents per letter in advance, or 5 cents when delivered, and a uniform postage of one

By Mr Woods, from a select committee, a bill to divoice Sibil R. Leckeaman; report concurred in, and bill read first Resolutions Introduced. By Mr Hendricks, requesting the Agent of State to give mation relative to the expenses of his office; adopted. By Mr Reid of U., that the committee on Education be

instructed to inquire into the expediency of consolidating the school laws into one volume; adopted.

By Mr Morrison, that the Auditor of State lay before the Senate, a statement of the expenses consequent on the loan authorised by the last General Assembly of the State of Indiana, to pay the deficit of interest due on the funded debt

of the State; adopted.

By Mr Millikin, that the committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the fees allowed to county auditors and treasurers under the common school law; adopted.

By Mr Morrison, that the committee on Finance be in the committee of changing the restructed to inquire into the expediency of changing the revenue laws, providing for the payment of one-half of the revenue into the State treasury before the first day of January in each year, to meet the interest becoming due on the funded debt of the State; adopted.

Joint Resolutions Introduced. By Mr Walpole, a joint resolution in relation to the three per cent. fund ; read first time. Mr Miller introduced the following joint resolution, which

was read a first time. WHEREAS, The progress of these United States in population, wealth, territorial extension, and in all the clement By Mr. Cravens, in relation to the bounty laws of war, so of moral and physical greatness, is without a parallel in the that heirs others than those mentioned in law, shall inherit history of nations, and fully artests the windom of the patriot ancestors who, in a spirit of amity and mutual conces-By Mr. Morrison, a joint resolution, in relation to the ion (compromising conflicting interests and opinions) united mileage and per diem of members of Congress in favor of in the establishment of our present admirable form of Gov-

WHEREAS, The only question which presented a serious impediment to the consumnation of the labors of the framers of the Federal Constitution, and which now threatens the integrity and stability of the Union was and is, the states to be protected by the Constitution in the qui

war of 1812;
By Mr. Butler, a joint resolution in relation to the admission of States into the Union; opposing the admission of states, or States whose Constitutions are altent, without imposing a restriction;
By Mr. Salter, in relation to constructive mileage of memrights as co-equals and tenants in common in such territoties, and as a measure which, (not being necessary to secure the exclusion of slavery therefrom,) must be pressed for no other purpose than that of affirming a power over slave property, on the part of Congress, the existence of which our Southern brethren utterly and almost unanimously

The Speaker laid before the House a communication of slavery, have, (particularly in the unanimity with which the institution was excluded by the delegates of the people State House, enclosing a report from Messrs. Willis and State House, enclosing a report from Messrs. Willis and Bradley, estimating the cost of such repairs—for stone work at \$3,500, for roof, painting &c., \$3,800; referred.

By Mr. Spencer, incorporating the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Indiana;

By Mr. Thom, in relation to Hanover College;

By Mr. Lane, to incorporate the Danville and Rockville plank road company;

By Mr. Whinery, for the relief of borrowers of public

mon ancestry: AND WHEREAS, The Northern States of the Union, have ing a numerical preponderance in population and a majority in Congress, can afford to be generous as well as just to after marriage, &c., also allowing them to dispose of their Southern brethien, treating with respectful deference not only their clear and unquestioned rights, but even their By Mr. May, to reduce the fees, &c., of Auditor and honest prejudices, and without endangering their own just influence, can act towards them in that spirit of amity mutual forbearance and liberality, which gave rise to this union of sovereign and co-equal States; and more especially, in cases like the present, where the laws of nature and of nature's God, as well as public sentiment among the people, are more insuperable obstacles to the establishment of slavery in our newly acquired territories than the mos

astringent prohibitory legislative enactment which human ingenuity could devise. Therefore,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representatives requested, to use their influence to allay the coviding that interest not exceeding ten per cent. may injunctions of the Father of his Country, unhappily exists be charged;
Which were severally read and passed to a 2d reading.
The bill to repeal the law reudering negroes &c., incompetent to give evidence was taken up and, on motion form State governments for the same, preparatory to their admission into the Union on an equal footing with the original States.

> By Mr Teegarden, a joint resolution on the subject of the Michigan city barbor; read first lime. Bills Introduced. By Mr Adams, a bill to amend the charter of the Colum bus, Nashville and Bloomington railroad company; rea twice and referred to the committee on corporations. By Mr Rousseau, a bill to amend the law providing for

change of venue in the probate courts of this State; read By Mr Millikin, a bill for the relief of Tecrance McMan ous; read twice and referred to the committee on Claims. By Mr Herod, a bill to extend the power of the preside and trustees of the town of Columbus; tend first time.

By Mr Conduit, a bill to extend the term of the court of ounty commissioners of Morgan county; read first time.

By Mr Holloway, a bill to amend the charter of the city

of Richmond; read first time.

By Mr Hendricks, a bill to consolidate the acts incorp rating the Madison and Napoleon turnpike company; read twice and referred to the committee on Corporations. By Mr Porter, a bill fixing the salaries of the trustees

he Wabash and Eric canal; read first time.

By Mr Millikin, a bill to amend the charter of the Rushville and Lawrenceburgh railroad company; read first time. By Mr Hubbard, a bill to vacate certain streets therein ed ; read first time.

By Mr Walker, a bill to incorporate the Logansport ins tance company; read first time.

By Mr Porier, a bill to repeal a certain act therein named

By Mr Huffstetter, a bill to locate a State road in the of way for public works, unless we could be the point of postponing the bill to repeal section 251, chapter 40, article terminus, and denied that Indiana had ever pursued such 10, of the Revised Statutes of 1843. (The section of the

> ered-ayes 34, noes 13. The question being on indefinitely postponing the bill, Mr Miller withdrew the motion to postpone, and move that the counties of Gibson, Pike and Dubois be exempt from the provisions of the bill; pending this amendment,
> Mr Rousseau moved to refer the bill and pending amend ment to the select committee to whom was referred the pe titions introduced into the Senate on the same subject

pending this motion,

Mr Porter moved to indefinitely postpone the bill amendment; pending the discussion of this question,

On motion, the Senate adjourned. AFTERNOON SESSION The Senate met and resumed the consideration of the pending motion to indefinitely postpone the bill making nepending motion to indefinitely postpone the bill making de-groes, &c. competent witnesses.

The question being, shall the bill and pending amendment be indefinitely postponed?—The ayes and noes being de-manded by two Senators, they were ordered.

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messis Adams, Alten, Berry, Cornett, Dole, Ellis, English,
Graham, Hamrick Hanna, Hardin, Hendricks, Herod, Hough-

ton, Huffetetter, James, Kinnard, Lyon, Majott, Miller, Ma ton, Huffstetter, James, Kinnaid, Lyon, Maiott, Miller, Mornison, Porter, Read of C., Rousseau, Steeth, Teegarden,
Walker, Walpole, Winstandley, and Woods—30.

Those who voted in the negative are,
Messrs Brugh, Buckles, Conduit, Day, Dawson, Eddy
Evans, Garver, Harvey, Holloway, Hubbard, McCarty, Martin, Millikin, Montgomery, Odell, Randall, and Reid of U.—

So the bill and pending amendment were indefinitely posunnecessary to have it longer on our statute book.

Mi Lane hoped the bill would not be postponed. The law of 1831 was put in force in his county, and if he were to do any thing on the subject, he felt himself instructed to make the law more stringent. We had too many free negroes

By Mr Hubbard, a bill to smend the charter of the Junction railroad company; read first time.

By Mr Ellis, a bill in relation to costs in certain cases; read first time.

By Mr Hubbard, a bill to repeal the first clause of section

The President laid before the Senate the annual report of the trustees of the Insane Hospital; laid on the table and for non-resident trustee of bondholders, and no incidental

1,000 copies ordered to be printed, 500 for the use of the expenses; read twice and referred.

Senate, and 500 for the use of the institution.

By Mr. Mickle, a bill to amend the House Bills on their Third Reading. A bill to authorize the brand of commissioners of Howard County to borrow money; passed.

A bill to improve the roads and highways in Boone coun

ty; referred to the committee on Corporations, with instruc-A bill to change the name of Restine Cox; passed. Senate Bills on their Third Reading. A bill for the relief of Anthoy F. Yeaker; passed.

A bill extending the time of holding commissioner's court

in the county of Fountain; passed. Bills on Second Reading. Several bills of the Senate and House were read a second time and o dered to a third reading, or referred to appropri-

House Bills taken up.

A bill to amend the charter of the Lafayette insurance company; read twice and referred to the committee on Cor- perty in Warren county;

On motion, the Senate adjourned. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TUESDAY MORNING, Dec. 11. On motion of Mr. Lane, the House resolved itself into committee of the whole on the Governor's message, Mr. Mickle in the chair, and after some time spent therein, and before any action was had thereon, the committee rose, with leave to sit again. Petitions &c. Presented.

Wells, (for bounty lands for soldiers of the war of 1812 and Indian wars,) Huey, Weaver, (for incorporating a company to build a bridge across the Tippecanoe river at the mouth of Spring creek;) which were referred to committees. Mr. Hicks from committee on Judiciary, reported against the expediency of granting mileage to witnesses; concur-

Mr. Brown of Shelby, from the Judiciary committee, referred to that committee, in favor of consolidating school laws; which was not concurred in, ayes 25, noes 40.

Mr. Prather moved to refer the resolution to the commit-tee on education; which motion prevailed. Mr. Graves, from Judiciary committee, teported against the expediency of amending the replevin laws; concurred in. Mr. Edwards, from same committee, reported that this General Assembly has the power to distribute the three per cent. fund in the counties in Miami Reserve; but reported

Reserve had but recently been organized, and had never de-Reserve had but recently been organized, and had never derived any thing of consequence from this fund. The people had all their roads to make, and he saw great propriety in giving them the proceeds of the three per cent, fund of the lands they had purchased. They had paid two dollars per acre for these lands, which was 75 cents more per acre than others had paid. In other quarters the roads had been made, and he believed it would be unjust to scatter this money broad-cast over the State, which would do little or nothing for the roads in the Reserve of this policy is pursued. for the roads in the Reserve, if this policy is pursued.

Mr. Graves said, that the reason that the Reserve counties had received tittle or no money was that there has been

money on hand, the Reserve countres would receive their distributive share. The countles of Cass and Miami, that tee. have Reserve lands, have already received large amounts of three per cent. fund. Mr. Cole agreed with the gentleman from Howard that the Reserve coun ies were entitled to the money. So far as Case and Miami were concerned they had been organized get their share of the proceeds of the Reserve lands. Mr. Chandler said, he was in favor of distributing the bree per cent. fund; but he was informed by the Treasurer, invested by the General Government, for certain Indiana, and would not come into our State treasury until the inter-

The report was concurred in. Mr. Chandler from the same committee, reported a bill to change the time of holding the Board of equalization in Warren county; also

A bill to appropriate a part of the school funds in Warren county; read and passed to a 2d reading. The bill to amend the act incorporating the Lafayette In-surance company, was reported back from the committee on Corporations, without amendment, sead a 3d time and passed.

The bill incorporating the White County Monticello bridge company was reported back, with the individual liability clause inserted, and read a 3d time and passed.

The bill to incorporate the American Live-stock Insurance company was reported back with amendments, which were Concurred in, and the bill read a 3d time and passed.

The bill to amend the act incorporating the Harrison, New Trenton, Rochester and Brookville turnpike company was read a 3d time and passed.

Mr. Spencer reported back the bill, in relation to stretching seines across Laughery creek, with amendments, &c., which was concurred in, and the bill read a 3d time and Mr. Gessie, reported a bill regulating the license of traveling merchants and pedlers-charging twenty-five dollars for each county, except for vending tin-ware and pottery manufactured in the State; passed to a second reading.

B) Mr. Murray a bill to locate a road in Howard and Mi-

son, a bill to vacate alleys in Cumberland : passed to a 2d reading.

By Mr. Dodd, a bill for the better improvement of roads in Grant county; passed to a 2d reading. Mr. Weir reported back the bill incorporating the Terre Haute and Evansville railroad company, with amendments; which were concurred in, and the bill referred to the committee on canals, &c. Mr. Graves reported a bill, for the celief of Henry and

ami counties; passed to a 2d reading.

Titus Burst ; also, A bill, for the relief of Richard and William Stoan; passed to a 2d reading.

Resolutions offered. By Mr. Lank, as to the expediency of lessening all ex-penses in Probate Courts; adopted. By Mr. Spencer, that the committee on the Judiciary in-

quire into into the constitutionality of the common school law; adopted. By Mr. Warriner, that the Auditor of State furnish complete lists of lands appraised for use of Wabash and Erie By Mr. Alley, as to the expediency of abolishing present Probate system and establishing courts of Common Pleas with Probate powers; adopted.

On motion, the House adjourned. AFTERNOON SESSION.

Resolutions Introduced. By Mr. Bowen, as to the expediency of prohibiting county boards from subscribing stock to railroads and other publ works ; adopted.

By Mr. Thomas, that the committee on education enquire what counties voted for and against the common school law, and into constitutionality of the measure ; adopted. By Mr. Morrison, as to the expediency of repealing the school law of last session, and reporting a general system of

By Mr. Wilson, that the military committee adopt some measure whereby we may not lose our quota of U. S. arms ; By Mr. Cole, in relation Wabash and Erie canal scrip; By Mr. Dodd, as to the expediency of abolishing office of township trustees, and transferring the duties to the county

Auditor and Treasurer;

Mr. Dodd, in support of the resolution, said that he was aware objections would be made to changing the law, inasmuch as it had been in operation for some length of time, and had occasioned no apparent inconvenience; but if gen-tlemen would reflect upon the duties performed by township trustees—the amount of the county school fund absorbed by their pay, and the ease with which these duties might be performed by the county auditor and treasurer, they would see the propriety of the change proposed in the resolution.

The county auditor, under the present law made the dividend of school funds to the townships, and the township trustees of to the districts. The object of the resolution was to inquire whether the dividend could not be made immediately to the district by the auditor without the intervention of the town-

ship trusters, thereby saving a large amount of the town-fund which was lost in paying township trustees.

Mr. Spencer supported the resolution. He thought as it would only excite inquiry on the part of the committee, they would find the office might be abolished with both ben-efit and convenience.

The resolution was adopted. By Mr. Prather, that the Treasurer of State give information, why the thousand dollars received for the Georgia lands does not appear in his report; adopted.

The Speaker said before the House the 5th annual report of Trustees of Hospital for the Insane; 2000 copies ordered

Mr. Connot offered a resolution in relation to the constitutionality of the law for voting for and against licenses for vending spirituaus liquors; adopted.

By Mt. Graves, as to the expediency of repealing certain sections of Revised Statutes in relation to county treasurers; adopted.

Mr. Mickle for the Speaker, (for an orphan asylum)—which were releared to committees—the last named petition to a select committee of one from each Congressional District.

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Bills and Joint Resolutions Introduced.

175, chapter 40, of the Revised Statutes of 1843; read first | Wahash and Erie canal-fixing salary of State trustee at \$1200, without incidental expenses—and resident trustees of bondholders at \$1200 without incidental expenses, and \$1500

By Mr. Mickle, a bill to amend the act fixing salaries of Governor, members, &c.;
By Mr. Essex, a bill in relation to roads and highways in

Bartholomew county;
By Mr. Chandler, to authorize the Auditor to audit and

By Mr. Chandler, a bill to appraise the personal pro-

By Mr. Shelby, to amend the act for the benefit of common schools; By Mr. Athon, a bill for the benefit of Clark county

Legalizing the trustees of town of Vevny; Requiring grand jury of Hancock to meet on third day of term of Court;

Petitions were presented by Messrs, Millikan, Greathouse, Nancy Brown to Nancy O'Neal; To amend the act requiring supervisors of Sullivan to make report at March term. To authorize the voters of Daviess county to vote in

> dolph county. Bills on Second Reading. Several bils were read a second time and referred.

bate courts of certain counties; read 2d and 3d times and The bill of the Senate, relating to the docket of Bela against the expediency of a special distribution, except under the general law.

Herrick, Esq., of Posey township, Switzerland county;

Also bill of the House to amend the act establishing a

ditor and treasurer of Kosciusko county for 1849. On motion, the House adjourned.

SENATE

WEDNESDAY, December 12. Petitions, ofc. Presented.

By Mr Cornett, of George W. Lane and others for a charter for a turnpike from Delisborough to Versailles; referred to a select committee By Messrs Millikin and Sleeth, two petitions relative to the traffic in spirituous liquois; referred to a select commit-

By Mr Woods, for the re-establishment of a road : refer-

red to a select committee. Reports from Committees. Mr Miller, from the committee on Corporations, reported to be engrossed.

company, without amendment, and recommends its passage report concurred in, rules suspended, bill read a second and third times and passed. Mr Miller, from the committee on Corporations, reported

and and third times and passed, Mr Sleeth, from a select committee, reported back a bill to consolidate certain railroad companies, without amendment, and recommend its passage; on motion, the bill was referred to the committee on Corporations. Mr Martin, from a select committee, reported back a bill

which they recommend its pissage; report concurred in, amendment adapted, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

By Mi Kinnaid, from a select committee, a bill to amend the charter of the Delphi plank road company; read first By Mr Hamrick, from a relect committee, a bill to amen

The bill provides for allo ving the company to construct a single track of plank eight feet wide, with turn-outs, and repeals that clause which compels the company to complete the road in seven years.

Mr Read of C., moved to commit the bill to the committee on Corporations, with instructions to amend the bill that the

company shall not declare a dividend of over 12 per cent., and that the remainder of the profits shall be paid into the This was discussed at length by Messrs Read of C., Reid of U., Ellis, Hanna, Berry, and Dole in favor of committing the bill with instructions and against its passage in its present form, and by Messrs Walpole, McCarty, Hamrick, Hol-

Before the question was taken on the seference, On motion, the Senate adjourned. AFTERNUON SESSION.

The President laid before the Senate a communication in elalion to the field notes of the surveys of land in the State of Indiana, presented to the State by the United States; read and referred to the committee on State Library.

McCarty, Walpole, and Hamrick against the reference and in favor of the parsage of the bill.

Mr Walpole moved to lay the instructions on the table; carried-aye- 27, noes 18.

Mr Holloway moved to lay the instructions on the table : Mr Hanna moved to further instruct the committee; before the instructions were read'

Mr Hubbard, from a select committee, reported back a bill to amend the charter of the Knightstown and Shelbyville railroad company, recommending that the bill be laid on the table, as in the opinion of the committee it is inexpedient to legislate on the subject; the Senate refused to concur in the Mr Hubbard moved to strike out the second section of the

Resolutions Introduced. By Mr Buckles, that the committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire whether appeals are allowed in writs of habeas corpus; adopted.

By Mr Harvey, that the committee on Finance be instruct-

By Mr Lyon, that the committee on the Judiciary be in-structed to inquire into the expediency of passing a law making executors or administrators competent witnesses in all actions prosecuted against said estates; adopted. By Mr Lyon, that the committee on the Judiciary be in-structed to inquire into the expediency of changing the law of descent; adopted.

By MriReid of U., relative to the traffic in spirituous li

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. Wednesday, Dec. 12, 1849.

The Speaker laid before the House a report from the Superintendent of the Northern Division of the Central canal, containing the amount of water rents received since the appropriate the second

ter rents would be punctually paid; referred. Petitions do., Presented.

Mr. Mickle, from the committee on ways and means, reported back the bill authorizing the Governor, Auditor and Treasur to borrow money from the Bank to pay interest on funded debt, without amendment.

Treasurer to pay over the amount of three per cent. fund due the several counties, without regard to the amount retained by the General Government, out of any money in the trea-u y unappropriated;
By Mr. Hunter, to revise and consolidate the several rond laws ; By Mr. Gentry, to provide for the election of prosecuting attorney for the tenth Circuit; read twice and re-

By Mr. Conway, for the relief of William Northern; By Mr. Spencer, to amend sections 48, 49, and 50 of chapter 29, of Revised Statutes;

By Mr. Hunter, to extend the privileges of the State

central plank road company.

Bills Passed. To change the name of Eliza Jane Bristow of Warren

county, and of

Washington township; In relation to Lamasco city; In relation to extra taxes in Lamasco city; Joint resolution authorizing State Bank reports to be made during the 2d week of the session. To extend the time of paying taxes for 1849 in Ran-

The bill of the Senate to extend the terms of the Pro-

free turnpike road in Adams county-abolishing free turnpike road supervisor; also,
The bill of the House legalizing the settlement of au-

no money on hand to distribute. When there should be any

many years after other counties had received large sums of back a bill to amend the charter of the Anderson Institute. this money, and no injustice would be done if they should without amendment, and recommends its passage; ordered Mr Miller, from the committee on Corporations, reported back a bill to amend the charter of the Lafavette in

est on these bonds is paid. In justice to the new counties he thought some provision should be made to pay interest on these bonds. Under the general law distributing the three per cent. fund, the distributive share of all counties was to be equal, and under that law justice would be done the Reserve counties. They would receive an equal share, and counties that had heretofore received moneys over and above those counties, would have to wait until they had re-

to compel non-resident landholders to pay a road tax equal to residents, with one amendment, upon the adoption of

the charter of the Central plank road company, without amendment, and recommend its passage.

loway and Harvey against the reference with the instruc-

The motion to commit the bill to amend the charter of the Central plank road company, with instructions, &c., being taken up, the discussion was continued by Messrs. Reid of U, and Read of C., in favor of the reference, and by Messrs

Mr Hanna moved to commit the bill, with instructions that the proceeds of the road over and above 10 per cent., after keeping the road in repair, shall be paid into the State treasury for common school purposes.

Mr Millikin moved the previous question, which was sec-onded by the Senate. The Senate determined by a vote of aves 32, noes 13, to have the main question put now; and the bi... dered to be engrossed and read a third time on

bill; lost, and the bill passed to a third reading. Mr Buckles, from a select co mittee, reported back a bill to amend the charter of the Indianapolis and Bellefontaine railroad company, with several amendments, upon the adoption of which they recommend its passage; the report was concurred in, the amendments adopted, and the bill read a

ed to inquire into the law relative to the filing of treasu-

Mr. Reed opposed the resolution.

Mr. Dougherty of Boone, saw no necessity for discussing has received \$128 in rents and expended \$748.25 for repairs. The lesses, he states, wish a settlement with the State, which is the reason a greater sum has not been collected, and believes, if such settlement was had, the wa-

By Messrs. Millikan, Defrees, Campbell, Niblack,

By Mr. Wright, a joint resolution on the subject of internal improvements;

By Mr. Millikau, a joint resolution on the subject of completing the Michigan city harbur;

By Mr. Edwards, a joint resolution in relation to the claim of Col. Francis Vigo;

By Mr. Chandler, a joint resolution on the subject of columnizing free negroes—in a territory to be set off beyond where the Indians are colonized;

By Mr. Leviston, to amend the act to incorporate the Liberty and Brownsville turnpike company;

By Mr. Salter, to incorporate the Jasper county plank road company;

By Mr. Withers, establishing an additional place of holding elections in Monroe township, Pike county;

By Mr. Chandler, a bill fixing the salaries of tru-tees of By Mr. Chandler, a bill fixing the salaries of tru-tees of parts and additional place of holding elections in Monroe township, Pike county;

By Mr. Chandler, a bill fixing the salaries of tru-tees of but they had been treated with silent contempt.